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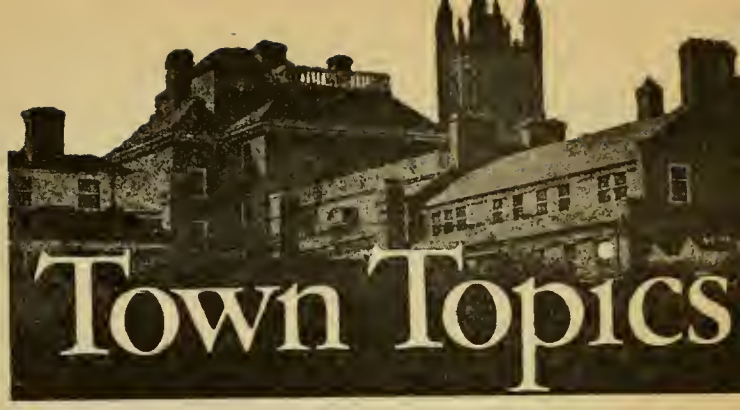

WE NOMINATE

Wilhelm C. Durner, who, on his 77th birthday next Friday, will complete his 62d consecutive year of service to Princetonians. In passing another milestone, in demonstrating that life is a matter of feeling, not of years, Durner will observe his birthday in the same way he has passed most of his 28,117 days as a Princeton resident: he will stand behind his chair with shears and razor, "makin' a livin', but workin' hard for it" at 120 Nassau Street. He no longer owns the shop that bears his name, but he intends to keep right on at his trade until customers are no longer pleased with his work.

As American as baseball, a game he loves to watch when he finds time to get to University Field, Durner first went to work in his German-born father's shop in 1884. Two years later, after serving the kind of thoroughgoing appprenticeship that apparently belongs to the past, he was ready to take over his own chair. A haircut six decades ago was 0.15, a shave and a haircut 0.25; James McCosh was nearing the end of his 20-year term as president of the University; and the then 17-year old Durner trimmed "Doctor Jimmy's" hair."

Four other University Presidents have been among Durner's thousands of patrons and of all the people he has known he is most proud of having served Woodrow Wilson, whom he remembers as the greatest of great men, "a man who beat himself because he tried to do everything himself." A photograph of Wilson hangs on the wall of the shop and on it is inscribed, "To my old friend, Will Durner." It came from the White House in 1913, ten days after Wilson became the nation's 27th chief executive. "The Saturday night before the Tuesday Wilson was inaugurated," Durner recalls, "I broke a local barbers' rule, went to his house and cut his hair. I refused any money for it, but he sent me this picture." The same respect and affection Durner kindled in Wilson is characteristic of his relationships with his fellow men.

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Topics of the Town

Texan Back to Texas. After a decade and a half of service to Princeton as principal of its high school, Ted B. Bernard will submit his resignation at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night. Harry A. Farr, 2nd, board president, has indicated that Mr. Bernard's request to be relieved of his duties will be accepted with great regret.

The state of the principal's health, which recently resulted in his taking a year's leave of absence (while Edward K. Chace served in his stead), is the motivating factor. He plans to head back to the Texas range country whence he hails.

High in his praise of Mr. Bernard's record and of his contributions to the school, Mr. Farr was dubious about the speed with which his successor could be selected. His estimate: "By the opening of school next Fall at the very earliest, but it will take long and hard searching to find a man of the calibre of the one we have lost."

Eight Thousand Strong. The largest alumni p-rade in Princeton's history, scheduled to march to the Yale-Princeton baseball game, will never actually be visible from one end to the other. But if the 8,000 marchers (returning alumni from 60-odd classes with children and grandchildren) were to walk down a single avenue, they would stretch for two miles.

The route of march, as in the past, will lead down Prospect Street, into and once around University Field. Before that, the map plotting location for each class unit up and down Washington Road, around the McCosh rectangle, in and out of many another campus byway, looks like the chart for an amphibious assault on a Pacific atoll. Only thing lacking is air support, and that may show up.

Eastern Intercollegiate League records show the starting time for the baseball game as 2:30. Unofficial estimates range from there to 4 o'clock. But with sunshine and music, it will be a gala, long-awaited occasion.

Golfers from 40 Colleges. One hundred and sixty golfers from 40 colleges which represent all sections of the United States will compete here next weekend for the national intercollegiate golf championship. Springdale's course, an exacting, 6,347-yard layout, will see 39 teams battling to upset Ohio State, 1945 titleholder.

The schedule calls for 72 holes of medal play, 18 Thursday, 18 Friday, 36

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Old English Silver and Sheffield. Once again the day has come when shipping space may be used to bring Europe's treasure to our shores, and Slatoff's Silver Shop on Palmer Square has lost no time in taking advantage of it. Its collection of antique English silver and Sheffield pieces, which is worth stopping in to see, is too varied to describe at length. A notable example is a unique silver biscuit basket with delicately chased cover which is hinged in the center so that it may be raised from either side. This, like all other pieces, may be put to good and permanent use or may be ensconced in the place of honor among a collection of *objets d'art.*

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Saturday. Colleges may enter six-man teams, but totals of four lowest entrants will determine the team champion by Friday night. The individual player with the lowest 72-hole score will be the 1946 champion.

Two Princeton residents, Harry Sayen and Moore Gates, Jr., will be among those representing the Tigers, who lost the Eastern title last month to Cornell by a single stroke. Others whom Coach Harry Kinnell will pick are Bill Campbell, Bob Chew, Jock Houdry and Bill Prescott.

"Opening Wedge." Monday evening at 8 o'clock will see quite a turn-out at Township Hall for the public hearing on the ordinance to create a joint planning board with the Borough. Opponents of the measure have made it clear that they will battle it not as it stands, but because they feel it is the first major "opening wedge" set up by those who favor municipal consolidation with the Borough.

Since the proposed board will include two Township officials, might have a preponderance of Township residents among its nine-man personnel and will be wholly submissive to the wishes of the Township Committee, the measure will not be voted down because of its danger to Township autonomy. The decision will be made along more intangible lines and will be extremely interesting to learn as an indication of this community's immediate future.

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Calendar of the Week

Saturday, June 22nd

1:30 p.m.: Princeton University Alumni P-Rade from University Campus to University Field, via Prospect Street.

3:15 p.m.: Baseball: 200th Princeton - Yale Baseball Game, University Field.

Sunday, June 23rd

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass. St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.

10:30 a.m.: Rehearsals for Volunteer Summer Choir, Trinity Episcopal Church.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church.
"Adorning the Doctrine", the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.
"Like a House", the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Musical Program; Second Presbyterian Church.
Sermon, the Rev. Dr. George Howard, Methodist Church.
"Is The Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force", Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Sermon, the Rev. James S. Brown, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.
Sermon, the Rev. William T. Parker, First Baptist Church.
Sermon, the Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.
Service of Remembrance, laying of Class Memorial Wreaths; Princeton University Chapel.

12:00 p.m.: Dr. Harold W. Dodds, Meeting of Princeton National Alumni Association; Nassau Hall Lawn, University Campus.

5:30 p.m.: Carillon Recital, Arthur L. Bigelow, the Princeton Graduate College.

8:00 p.m.: "Prelude to Power", the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, June 24th

9:00 a.m.: Opening of two-week Community Vacation Church School for Princeton children from 4 through 12 years of age; final session, Friday, July 5th; Methodist Church.

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Jets	8	4
Cousins	6	6
Kids	5	7
Jokers	5	7
Rookies	2	9

MIXED DOUBLES

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Do You Love Me? (Friday and Saturday). The gay mood of the weekend is reflected in the musical at the Playhouse, with Harry James' band and the singing of Dick Haymes interspersed on the sound track. Maureen O'Hara, who photographs beautifully in Technicolor, is the girl.

Make Mine Music (Sunday through Wednesday) is Walt Disney's latest variety act, full of color, music and occasional humor. In addition to the Disney artistry, there's the Benny Goodman Quartet, the Andrews sisters, Jerry Colonna and Nelson Eddy (some of them unseen but distinctly heard). A skit in which animated musical instruments stage a gay dance, and a delightful rendition of "Casey at the Bat" are the outstanding scenes, but the film again proves that no matter how able the artist, a full-length cartoon is too long.

The Bride Wore Boots (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) is a fairly amusing comedy about a girl (Barbara Stanwyck) who loves horses, her husband (Robert Cummings), who doesn't, and a horse (Albert) who loves them both. The humor is of the slapstick variety and is uneven at best.

The Garden

The Hoodlum Saint (Friday, Saturday) tells of a fortune-hunting business man who neglects his wife to boom his bank account, becomes heavily involved with a gang of hoodlums who, it seems, have a patron saint all their own. The action is fast, the ending unsatisfactory. William Powell and Esther Williams head the cast.

Badman's Territory (All week) is here for six days in response to Princeton's growing yen for westerns. Randolph Scott is the sheriff who patrols the badlands in the Panhandle section, his enemies including the James Bros., Belle Starr and the Daltons. The film is a better-than-average drama as such pictures go.

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CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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6:15 p.m.: Baseball: Twin-M League, Princeton vs. Hopewell; Brokaw Field, University Campus.

8:00 p.m.: Public Hearing, Proposed Joint Planning Board for the Borough and Township of Princeton, Township Hall.

Tuesday, June 25th

8:00 p.m.: Borough Board of Education Meeting, Princeton High School.

Wednesday, June 26th

6:00 p.m.: Princeton Community Y.M.C.A. Senior Softball League: Phantom's vs. Cenerino's; Jugtown Community Club vs. Heyden Chemical; Walker-Gordon vs. American Legion; R.C.A. vs. Gobs; Opinion Research vs. College Board.

8:00 p.m.: "The Growth of the Christian Church", the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, June 27th

9:00 a.m.: Golf: Opening of 49th National Intercollegiate Championships; three-day tournament, 72 holes of medal play; Springdale Golf Club.

Friday, June 28th

9:00 a.m.: Golf: Conclusion of team play in National Intercollegiate Championships, Springdale Golf Club

Saturday, June 29th

10:30 a.m.: Golf: Final 36 holes of play for individual title in National Intercollegiate Championships, Springdale Golf Club.

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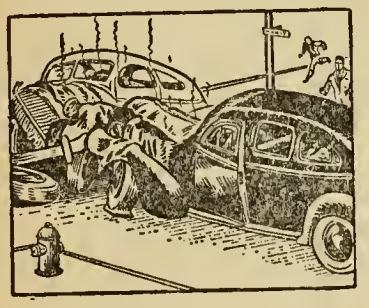

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July 4 Festivities Return. For the first time in five years, an Independence Day program will be staged in Palmer Stadium. Princeton Post No. 76, American Legion, will sponsor fireworks, with a track meet and model airplane contest among the pre-twilight attractions. To the many who have moved here since the war began, let it be said that we have never seen a July 4 show in the stadium that wasn't unusually spectacular.

Legionnaires who form the committee in charge of arrangements include Martin Clausen, Michael Kopliner, Morris Maple, 3rd, Harry Johnson, William Birch, Edward Stives, James Dennen, Chester Page, George Rollings, John J. Krieger and the Rev. Guy A. Bensinger.

Miscellany. The columns and front of "Mercer Manor", the Robert C. Maxwell house which was gutted by flames Sunday night, were moved stone by stone from 13th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, in the latter part of the last century. . . . the Maxwells were in North Carolina when the costly blaze broke out, the caretakers were at the movies, thus giving the fire considerable headway by the time Township Patrolman James B. Campbell spotted the glow from Battle Park, a quarter of a mile distant. . . . damage was unofficially estimated at $75,000.

The mayor's food conservation campaign ended this week, principally because no other New Jersey municipalities were following suit.

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